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TOM GREGG "RECENT PAINTINGS"

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Lemon and Cocktail, oil on panel, 22x17.5", 2010

Tom Gregg will present his recent oil paintings at the **George Billis Gallery**, 521 West 26th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues, from **February 8 - March 5, 2011**. An artists' reception will be held at the gallery on **Thursday, February 10** from 6 - 8 p.m. Gallery hours are **Tuesday through Saturday**, 10 am - 6 pm.

This most recent body of work is inspired by Tom Gregg's fascination with objects and the powerful resonance that they have in his world. It is their association with the people who acquire them which gives power and energy to their presence. He adds, "It is the existence that they possess of their own, their own "life" in the universe of objects and the world itself, that is even more mysterious and beguiling."

He attributes his pursuits as a still life painter to his respect and connection to objects and their perceived world. However, the actual objects depicted in the paintings are primarily there to fulfill the formal demands of the painting itself. He states "Any symbolic or metaphoric intention is subservient to the formal demands presented by the specific needs of each painting. I am trying to hit a particular visual note through the combined actions and interactions of the formal elements in the painting."

Tom Gregg received his B.F.A. in Printmaking from the Rhode Island School of Design and his M.F.A. from Yale University School of Art. His work has been featured in many distinguished publications including: *American Art Collector*, *Art & Antiques*, *The Kansas City Star*, and *New York Magazine*. This is his sixth solo show with the George Billis Gallery.

The George Billis Gallery marks its fourteenth year in the Chelsea art district and recently opened a second gallery in the burgeoning gallery district of Culver City in Los Angeles. For more information please contact the Gallery via e-mail at gALLERY@georgebillis.com or visit our website at www.georgebillis.com



Water and Fruit, oil on panel, 26.5x29.5, 2010

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